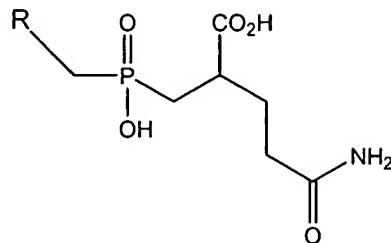


## Claims

1. A compound of formula (I)



5       wherein R is a substituted alkyl, benzyl or allyl residue selected from the group consisting of nonyl; 4,4,4-trifluoro-propyl; 2-methyl-4-phenyl-butyl; 4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl; pentafluorophenyl; 4-fluoro-phenyl; naphthalene-2-yl; biphenyl-2-yl; 5,5,7,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalene-2-yl; 5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl; 1,1,3,3-tetramethyl-indan-5-yl; 10     styryl; 2,6-dimethyl-heptyl; 2-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-1-methyl-vinyl; 2-(4-Isopropyl-phenyl)-1-methyl-vinyl; 1-(1,7,7-Trimethyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl)-ethyl; 2-(4-Isobutyl-phenyl)-1-methyl-vinyl; 2-(2-isopropyl-phenyl)-1-methyl-ethenyl; 2-phenyl-ethyl; cyclohexyl-methyl; 2,2-dimethyl-propyl; 2-(pentafluorophenyl)-ethyl; 3-phenyl-propyl; heptyl; 4-isopropyl-cyclohex-1-enyl; decyl; hexyl; trans-4-isopropyl-cyclohexyl; 5-ethyl-2-methyl-heptyl; 2,6,10-trimethyl-undecyl; 15     1-methyl-3-(2,2,3-trimethyl-cyclopentyl)-propyl; and octyl.

20      2. A composition comprising a body odour-suppressing quantity of a compound claimed in claim 1.

20      3. Composition according to claim 2 wherein the compound is present in amounts of about 0.01 to 0.5 % by weight.

4. Composition according to claim 2 or claim 3 selected from cosmetic and personal care products, in particular deo-sticks, roll-ons, pump-sprays, aerosols, deodorant soaps, powders, solutions, gels, creams, sticks, balms and lotions.
5. Use of a compound as defined in claim 1 or composition comprising a compound as defined in claim 1 to inhibit an enzyme in its ability to cleave compounds contained in sweat into short-chained, branched fatty acids, which enzyme is produced in bacteria of the genus *Corynebacteria*, which bacteria has been deposited at the International Depository Authority DSMZ- Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, D-38124 Braunschweig under the Accession Number DSM 14267.
6. Use of a compound as defined in claim 1 or composition comprising a compound as defined in claim 1 to inhibit an enzyme in its ability to cleave compounds contained in sweat into short-chained, branched fatty acids, which enzyme is defined by an amino acid sequence set forth as SEQ ID No. 1.
7. A method of suppressing axillary malodour comprising the step of providing a composition for application to the skin of a person in need of treatment, said composition containing an inhibitor compound and a dermatologically acceptable vehicle therefore, said compound being selected from one or more compounds as defined by claim 1.